

**MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS**

**January 7, 2020**

**Establish the Reward Offer in the Murder of Erin Lavender and Dalelaja Hearn**

On Sunday, December 15, 2019 at approximately 8:50 p.m., 19-year-old Erin Lavender and 17-year-old Dalelaja Hearn were struck by gunfire on the 20300 block of Alvo Avenue in the City of Carson. Ms. Lavender and Ms. Hearn were seated in a parked vehicle, which was facing northbound, when an unknown suspect(s) began firing at their vehicle. Ms. Lavender and Ms. Hearn were both struck by gunfire several times in the upper torso area, and both succumbed to their injuries at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center.

Ms. Lavender was only 19 years old and was attending college. Ms. Hearn was only 17 years old and was still in high school. Both Ms. Lavender's and Ms. Hearn's families are devastated by their losses.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department investigators believe a reward would bring attention to the case and encourage witnesses that might have seen and/or know the identity of the suspect(s) to come forward. The City of Carson is offering a reward to assist with the investigation, and a reward offer by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors would show the urgency in identifying the suspect(s) and bring justice to the victims and their families.

**I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

Establish the offer of a reward in the amount of \$10,000 in exchange for information leading to the apprehension and/or conviction of the person(s) responsible for the death

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of 19-year-old Erin Lavender and 17-year-old Dalelaja Hearn, who were shot and killed on the 20300 block of Alvo Avenue in the City of Carson on December 15, 2019 at approximately 8:50 p.m.

Contact:      Lieutenant Brandon Dean                      - or – Crime Stoppers  
                 Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department      (800) 222-TIPs (8477)  
                 Homicide Bureau  
                 (323) 890-5564

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